

SPECIAL SERMONS AND MUSICAL PROGRAMMES IN CHURCHES TO-MORROW

Passion Week Rich in History For Both Minister and Citizen

Particularly Fitting That We Go to War at This Season,
Dr. Cadman Points Out—Note of Patriotic
Gladness Is Apparent This Year

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For both the Church and the Republic Easter this year witnesses the rising of our buried hopes from their graves and the rebirth of a new spirit. There is a peculiar note of patriotic gladness about the Easter musical services that have been arranged to celebrate the greatest day of the church year, as well as recognize that our present war is a holy one for righteous purposes.

"It is peculiarly fitting," said the Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, "that we are entering this war in Holy Week, for the cause for which we are to fight is the one for which Christ died, the preservation of human rights and the principles of democracy before they are blotted out forever."

For both minister and citizen the month of April has historic anniversaries and memorials in mind each day, sacrifice and triumph. On the one hand, the Church, by venerable ceremonial and collects, by pointed illustrations from the tragic death of her Founder, emphasizes the extreme price men must pay before there can be any adequate triumph or final victory.

Reminds Nation of History

On the other hand, Passion Week reminds the nation of a history equally important and precious. Each of our wars began during the Easter season. The battle of Lexington was on April 19, Fort Sumter was fired upon on April 13 and the beginning, by strange coincidence, of the wars of 1812 and with Spain were each on April 25. A strange fatality brought about the personal struggles of men, and at the time the church was emphasizing most the spirit of self-sacrifice and heroism.

Easter sermons this year will point out to the individual his twofold obligation; first, to the cause of civilization and second, to his country. To answer the first he must be chivalric and disinterested; to answer the second he must be heroic.

To serve the cause of civilization best one must set his own house in order. "True penitence will express itself in the work of reconstruction," said Dr. J. H. Jewett. "If we are to make room for the Lord this act of confession must be accompanied by the act of emptying out the things which we confess. There are things to be emptied out of our fellowship; all petty jealousies all blind prejudices. First of all we must present ourselves before the Lord and empty them out so that the vacancy may be filled."

Will Tell Citizen His Duty

Easter sermons will also point out to the citizen his obligation to his country. The indifference of the stoic to the cruel facts of life and the evasion of the pacific have given place to the eager search for the post of danger by the volunteer. This is the spirit that animated a group of clergymen recently who volunteered to accompany their parishioners into the trenches when war came.

"The spirit of self-sacrifice," said Dr. Lyman Abbott, "which calls the French soldier to the colors and inspires him to seek the post of greatest danger and difficulty animates unnumbered thousands of unsung, unknown ministers to life. All who are animated by that spirit and are laying down their lives in eager service for others I call Christians, whether creed and kind, whatever ritual they use, whatever organization they are working for."

**Church Activities
For Coming Week**

The Right Rev. Dr. Charles Summer Burch, Suffragan Bishop of New York, will preach in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine to-morrow morning.

The Rev. Henry Tracy will speak at the National Bible Institute Sunday afternoon on "A Broken Hearted King," the second address in a special series on "How Much Can Christ Do for Me?"

The Harlem Forum will give a musical at the Weddell High School to-morrow.

The Bible class of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church will be conducted to-morrow morning by the Rev. E. Herbert Duton.

The Methodist Social Union will hold its annual dinner and conference at the Hotel Astor Monday evening, Billy Sunday, Major General Leonard Wood and Bishop Matthew S. Hughes will speak.

The American Criterion Society will meet in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church April 15 and listen to an address by the chaplain, the Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady.

Ralph Connor, for two years chaplain of Canadian troops in Flanders and major in the British army, will speak to-morrow afternoon at the Bronx Union Branch Y. M. C. A. on "What the Living Christ Means to the Men in the Trenches."

Who Is America's Enemy? will be the subject of the Rev. William Carter's address to-morrow afternoon at the Bedford Avenue Y. M. C. A., Brooklyn.

The Church of the Transfiguration will unveil Easter Sunday two memorial tablets and six brass candlesticks, each one a memorial of a communicant of the parish.

Dr. Frank Crane will address the afternoon meeting of the Twenty-third Street Y. M. C. A. to-morrow.

The Y. W. C. A. will have a special Easter service at the Bronx Branch tomorrow afternoon, at which Richard Hill will deliver a sermon lecture on "The Armenians." At the West Side branch the Altamont Club will conduct the services, and Julia Jordan Emery will speak. In the Harlem branch an Easter breakfast will be served at 9 o'clock.

Bishop David H. Greer will confirm a class of forty persons in Trinity Church this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Easter Music

EPISCOPAL
8:30 a.m.—*Mass*,
St. George's, Brooklyn.
Officer anthem. "Come the Paschal Victim." West.

8:30 a.m.—*Mass*,
St. Paul's, Brooklyn.
Officer anthem. "Christ Is Risen." East.

8:30 a.m.—*Mass*,
Trinity Place, Manhattan.

Instrumental selections.

Prelude. Allegro in B major from Violin Concerto in G minor, Op. 64, by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

Officer anthem. "Christ Is Risen Today." Choral.

8:30 a.m.—*Mass*,
St. George's, Brooklyn.

Instrumental selections.

Prelude. "Alleluia!"

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in A.

Faithful Lament.

Processional. "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today." Worgan.

Officer anthem. "Christ Is Risen Today." Worgan.

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